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1. IN A CLEAR BID TO SIGNAL HIS GOOD INTENTIONS TOWARDS THE US IN CONTEXT OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION, MAKARIOS ON FEB 25 DIRECTED FONOFF DIRGEN PELAGHIAS TO INFORM COUNSELOR NIMETZ THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE PROSECUTIONS IN THE DAVIES CASE WOULD BE TWO LIFE SENTENCES AND TWO TWELVE-YEAR CONVICTIONS. PELAGHIAS ADDED THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY BE FOLLOWING THIS AFFAIR.

2. ON FEB 26, MININT VENIAMIN TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT HE HAD MADE A SPECIAL INQUIRY INTO THE CASE AGAINST XENOFONTOS. HE SAID XENOFONTOS IS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND AS MININT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT ON MORALE AMONG CYPRIOT OFFICERS IN NATIONAL GUARD IN THE EVENT XENOFONTOS WERE MISTAKENLY CONVICTED. HIS INVESTIGATION HAD SHOWN, HE SAID, THAT XENOFONTOS, THEN A POLICEMAN, HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE OF THE RIOT ON AUGUST 19, 1974, ON THE ORDERS OF (THE NOW DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD) BRIGADIER GENERAL AZINAS WITH ORDERS TO TRY TO BREAK UP THE DEMONSTRATION. THUS, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING XENOFONTOS BRANDISHING HIS SERVICE REVOLVER WERE MISLEADING IN TERMS OF HIS INTENT. VENIAMIN SAID HE HAD SUSPENDED

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XENOFONTOS BUT HAD THE AGREEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL TORARITIS THAT CHARGES WOULD BE DROPPED.

3. PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, WE CONCLUDE THAT THE TWO LIFE SENTENCES WILL PROBABLY GO TO KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS, THE TWO TWELVE-YEAR SENTENCES TO LOIZOU SAVVA AND CHARALAMBOUS IF MAKARIOS IS THUS DETERMINED AND ABLE TO IMPOSE HIS WILL

ON THE JUDICIAL OUTCOME.
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